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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 31-JAN-2005

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	58-75	63-66	66.14	27

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

73.75

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.65

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-05

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	157,884	157,130

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	166.50	1,230
BREASTS - B/S	160.00	5,776
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,311
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.50	1,056
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,109
WINGS	121.50	3,013

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices on next weeks' deliveries were unchanged into the Chicago market area. Whole bird/wog offerings were noted as increased on steady market tone. Most outlets noted demand no better than fair; although some fast food demand was improved, moderate to instances good. Businesses were hopeful of capturing increased consumer dollars through upcoming first of the month retail ads and food service promotions. Floor stocks and weights were manageable and generally adequate. Supplies of parts were available, but in close balance for the light to moderate trade interest. The trade sentiment remained steady on dark cuts and wings, undertone mixed; steady to firm on breasts.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING JANUARY 28, 2005**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	67.00**	67.00**	61.50**	EASTERN REGION	63.50**	63.50**	59.00**
CENTRAL REGION	66.00**	67.00**	60.50**	CENTRAL REGION	62.50**	62.50**	57.80
WESTERN REGION	68.00**	68.00**	62.00**	WESTERN REGION	64.00**	64.00**	59.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-January -2005 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

	THOUSANDS
Head	149,431
Avg Wt	5.33
Last week	159,418
Same wk yr ago	147,528
Avg Wt	5.24
To-date/2005	469,112
To-date/2004	463,841

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
	THOUSANDS	

Head	1,541	2,493
Avg Wt	15.84	39.60
Last week	1,647	2,507
Same wk yr ago	1,736	2,454
Avg Wt	15.54	37.33
To-date/2005	4,809	7,547
To-date/2004	5,125	7,420

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	118.00	118.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	150.00	150.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	102.00 - 103.00	102.44
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	150.00	150.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	445.39 485.70	458.90
168 3 Round, top inside round	175.00 195.00	179.23
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	423.00 465.00	427.04
Ground Beef 81%	138.98 161.14	151.14

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